

ABSTRACT

Concealed retaining channel for attaching upper edges of storm shutters in front of windows. The concealed retaining channel can be installed within a soffit portion of a roof overhang, and remains unseen with or without a storm shutter attached thereto. The

5 concealed retaining channel can have a lower facing channel opening for receiving an upper edge of the storm shutter, and can be attached with removable fasteners to an exterior wall above the window being protected by the shutter and above the soffit portion of the roof overhang. A front portion of the concealed retaining channel can have a horizontal planar sleeve with an interior facing groove for receiving an upper leg of an

10 elongated piece of trim, such as J-shaped decorative trim, so that only a portion of the decorative trim hangs down exposing a front facing groove. The rear edge of the soffit portion can fit within the front facing groove of the trim, with the planar sleeve resting on top of the soffit portion so that only a lower portion of the trim remains visible beneath the soffit portion, and the rest of the concealed retaining channel remains unseen.